



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

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MEANS

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2002, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 12, delete the whole paragraph starting in line 10 and replace it with the following new paragraph:

In a modified form, three or more bearings may be provided, instead of two. Further, each ball bearing may be made of ceramic in its entirety. Although the manufacturing cost is increased in this case, the wear and abrasion resistance and heat resistance of the ball bearings can be improved. Consequently, the service life of each ball bearing can be improved and errors in the accuracy can be prevented.

See the attached Appendix for the changes made to effect the above paragraph

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